

2004 Report of Accomplishments Asotin County Conservation District



Natural Resource Improvements in 2004 - Summary

- *Projects approved by the District board have been implemented to reduce the direct impact to salmonid bearing streams within Asotin County.*
- *Project developments within Asotin County have informed and educated local individuals on the importance of healthy upland, riparian and instream areas and how they impact anadromous salmonid production.*



Mission of the Asotin County Conservation District

- *"To advocate, educate and assist people in responsible land management and agricultural practices that conserve and improve air, soil and water quality and fish and wildlife habitat for present and future generations."*

Water Quality Implementation

Accomplishments

- *240 acres of 2 year direct seed, 279.6 acres of pasture/hayland planting, 3 acres of critical area planting, 4 multi purpose ponds, 2 sediment basins, 3,297 feet of cross fence, 1 spring development, 1 windbreak and 8,100 trees planted. Technical assistance was provided for BMPs implemented.*

Basic Funding

- *Provide travel reimbursement for supervisors at attend board meetings. Dues for NACD, WACD, SE Area Association, Washington Cattleman's Association, Blue Mountain RC&D and Pacific Northwest Direct Seed Association, Officer's & Director's Insurance and District liability Insurance. Gift for WACD Auction. Gift for Envirothon Raffle. Provide District calendars to cooperators in the district.*

Professional Engineering

- *Due to the cultural resource issue, NRCS technicians have not been able to assist the District with projects as they have in the past. The District has relied on the SE Area Engineer to provide engineering services for projects.*

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

- *A total of 6 new contracts were approved enhancing 236.5 acres of riparian area and protecting 12.92 miles of stream.*
- *40,140 trees and shrubs were planted 2 acres of grass planted, 64,653 feet of riparian fence, 7 spring developments, 2 wells, 11 troughs, 2,650 feet of pipeline and 2 livestock crossings were installed. Technical assistance was provided for BMPs implemented.*

Irrigation Efficiencies

- *As a result of efficiency assessments, four flow meters were installed through the DOE meter contract.*

Watershed Conservation/Habitat Restoration

Accomplishments through BPA, Salmon Recovery Funding and DOE Grants

- 3300 acres of long-term direct seed, 9 spring developments, 12,747 feet of riparian fence, 941 feet of corral fence, 1 cattle guard, 3 troughs, 1 well, 3 water developments, 170 trees planted and 1 feedlot. Technical assistance was provided for BMPs implemented.

Information & Education

Accomplishments

- One District newsletter was produced to inform growers of available programs, upcoming events and District activities. Held Annual meeting on February 19th. Conducted meeting for farmers in the long-term direct seed programs. Co hosted in a tour & BBQ with the Nez Perce Soil & Water Conservation District of projects on Asotin Creek. Provided support to four classrooms with fish-rearing aquariums and released approximately 800 fish. Sponsored teams from Asotin and Clarkston High Schools at the Whitman County Envirothon and the 2004 State Envirothon. Gave District Presentation to Walla Walla Community College geology class. Gave Water Quality Presentation at WSU Extension Youth Camp to Wonders of Nature class.

Washington Conservation Districts assisting land managers with their conservation choices.



Livestock have direct access to river



Winter Feeding area developed



Livestock access to the river eliminated